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Mr. Carl A. Olson

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Dear Mr. Olson:

I have your letter of December 3, 1976 concerning the death of your daughter Chris, in Argentina.

We have forwarded the copy of the fraudulent check to the Banco de la Nación in Cordoba and have asked them to conduct a complete investigation. We have also asked the Argentine authorities to look into the matter directly.

Since Chris' husband, Julio Yañez, is an Argentine citizen we are unable to make official representations concerning his welfare. We have, however, made an informal inquiry as to his whereabouts. I'll let you know as soon as we receive a reply.

The following account of Chris' death is what I've been able to piece together from conversations with her relatives in Argentina and with Argentine government officials. We have twice requested an official explanation of Chris' death from the Argentine government and are still awaiting a reply.

On or about September 30, 1976 Argentine military security forces entered Chris' home at Calle 9 #141, Cordoba and arrested her husband, Julio Yañez, for allegedly being involved in subversive activities. We are uncertain as to whether Chris was in the house at that time and if so when the security forces entered or whether she went into hiding upon learning of the arrest of her husband. Later that week all of Chris' personal belongings, furniture, etc were removed from the house.

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On October 19, between 2 and 4 am, police units surrounded a house on Calle Manuel Padilla # 4725. They were acting in response to information given by neighbors that the people inside were members of the Montonero organization. Upon attempting to enter the house they were attacked by those inside and returned the fire. After the fighting subsided, your daughter was found dead outside the house. The police claim that during the battle she had thrown at least one hand grenade and that another was found in her hand. Inside the house the police found two hand guns with the serial number obliterated, home made hand grenades and documents belonging to Chris. One person, Jorge Luis Rios, was arrested. Two others were wounded and taken to a hospital for treatment.

Again Mr. Olson, please accept my deepest sympathy. I will continue to give you information as it becomes available.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald J. Whitman
Consul

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